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Title of Invention: NETWORK TUNING DEVICE


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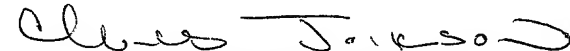
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 7 as follows:

4. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1, **characterized by** a partial transport stream generation unit (2b) to generate said partial transport stream (PTS) to be stored on said storage unit (3).

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6. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said data storage unit (3) is able to simultaneously record said partial transport stream (PTS) and reproduce said partial transport stream (PTS) at the same time or time shifted and/or at least one other recorded partial transport stream.
7. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1, **characterized in that** it is a stand-alone network device and said storage unit (3) outputs said partial transport stream (PTS) to a network.


REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Claims 4, 6 and 7 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 4, 6 and 7 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the claims:**

4. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1 ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~,
characterized by a partial transport stream generation unit (2b) to generate said partial transport stream (PTS) to be stored on said storage unit (3).
6. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1 to 5~~,
characterized in that said data storage unit (3) is able to simultaneously record said partial transport stream (PTS) and reproduce said partial transport stream (PTS) at the same time or time shifted and/or at least one other recorded partial transport stream.
7. (Amended) Tuning device according to claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1 to 6~~,
characterized in that it is a stand-alone network device and said storage unit (3) outputs said partial transport stream (PTS) to a network.